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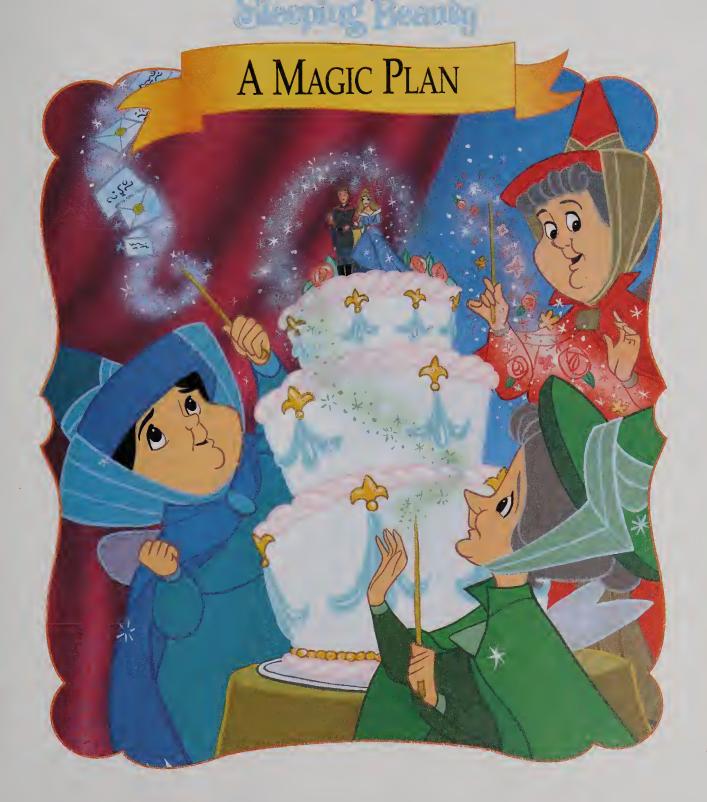
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The fairies Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather loved Princess Aurora. After all, they had raised her from the time she was a baby. Because of them, the evil Maleficent's spell had been broken. Now the Princess was safe and engaged to marry her true love, Prince Phillip. The fairies couldn't have been happier.



"It's going to be a beautiful wedding," Fauna sighed as the kindly fairies watched the young couple strolling in the castle gardens.

"Of course it is! We're going to make sure of that," Flora said.

"What do you mean?" asked Fauna.

"Well," Flora began, "we can't trust just anyone with the preparations for the wedding. We must see to it ourselves!"

"You're right," Merryweather agreed. "We must go to the King and Queen and ask that we be put in charge of every last detail!"





King Stefan and his queen agreed to the plan right away. They were grateful to the fairies for having saved their daughter's life.

"It would be an honor to have you take care of the wedding," the Queen said graciously.



That very afternoon, the fairies made a list of all that had to be done.

"Invitations need to made, addressed, and delivered," began Flora.

"And we'll have to create a beautiful bouquet for the bride to carry," added Fauna.



"And a spectacular cake," Merryweather continued.

"Don't forget the music, and Princess Aurora's gown," Flora reminded them.

On and on the fairies went, long into the night, scribbling down more items as they went.

The next day, the fairies rose early, ready to get to work.

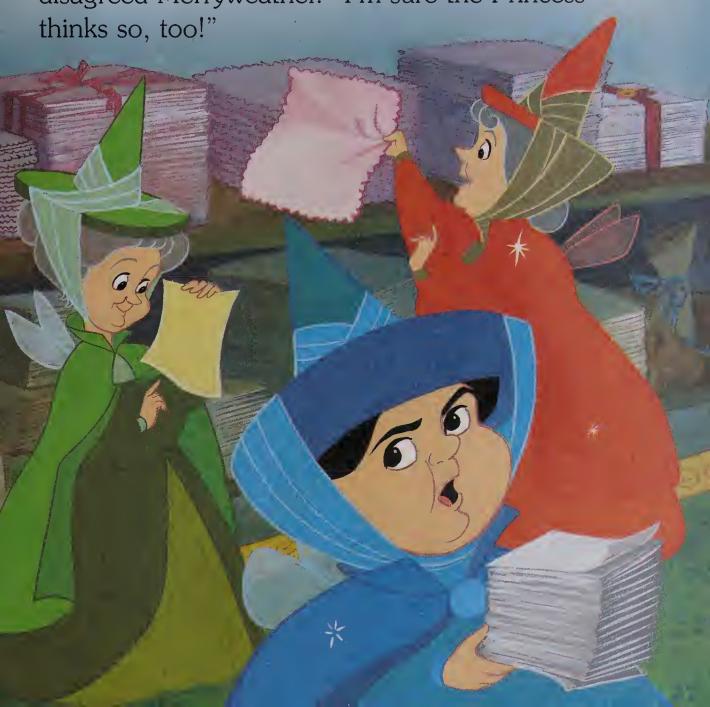
"Let's begin with the invitations," Flora suggested. Together the fairies went to the room in the castle that held shelves and shelves of fancy paper.

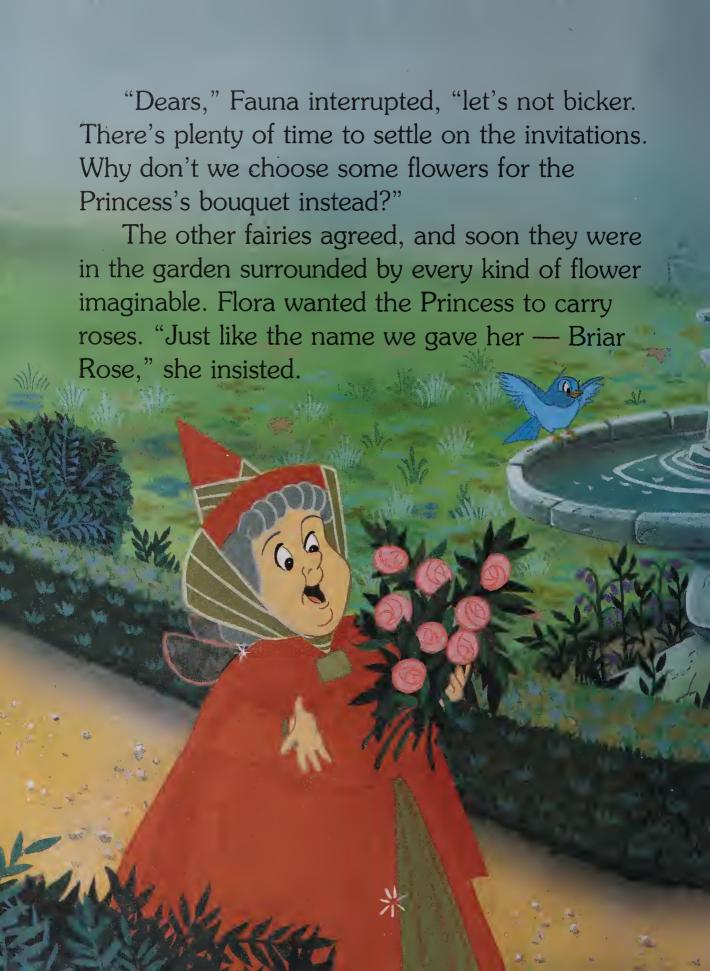


"I like this kind," said Fauna, holding up a sheet of creamy yellow.

"Oh, no, this is much better!" Flora replied, waving some pink paper with a scalloped edge.

"Wedding invitations should always be white," disagreed Merryweather. "I'm sure the Princess





But Merryweather said that roses were a bad idea — their stems were so prickly with thorns.

"There's plenty of time to decide," Merryweather said. "Why don't we go see about the wedding cake instead?"

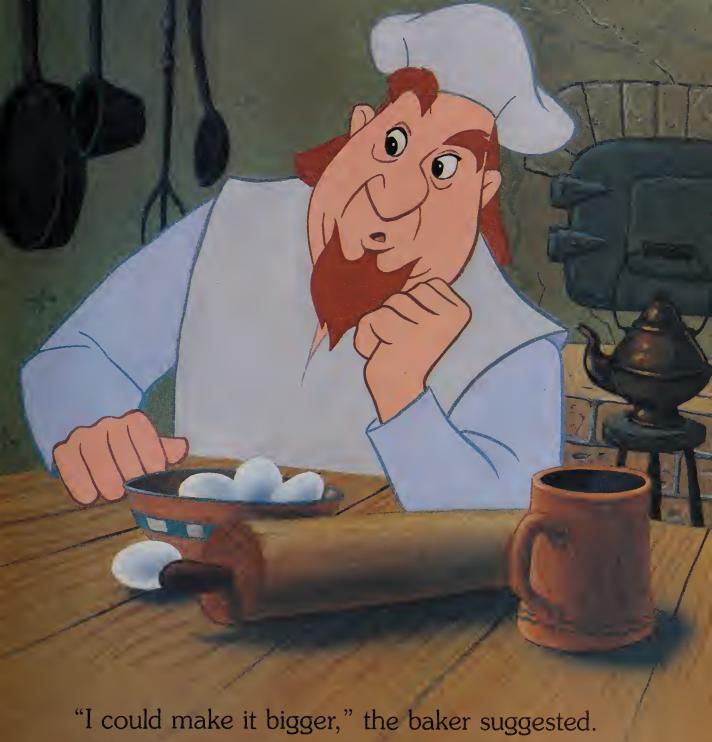




In the kitchen, Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather leafed through a recipe book with the royal baker.

Flora pointed to the picture of a three-layered cake. "What about that one?" she asked.

Merryweather shook her head. "That cake is much too small to feed the entire kingdom."

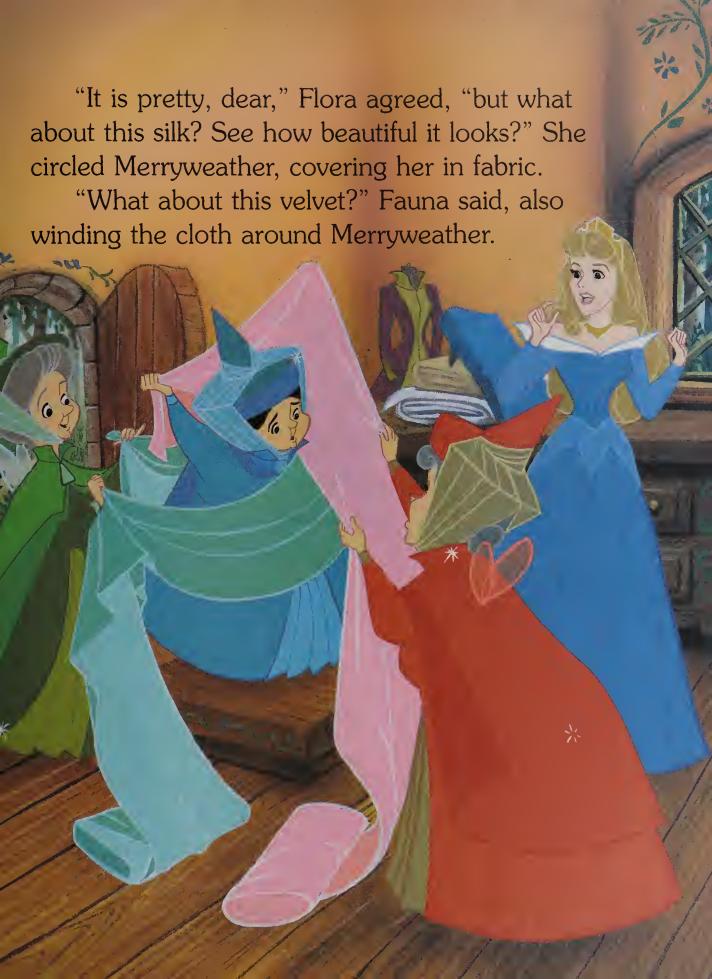


"I think we should have lots of smaller cakes instead of a large one," Fauna said.

"Ladies," the baker said gently, "why don't you come back when you decide?"



Next the fairies were to meet Princess Aurora at the royal dressmaker's. When Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather arrived, the Princess greeted them warmly. "Isn't this lovely?" she asked, holding out a length of ivory-colored satin.



As Flora, Fauna, and the Princess discussed their choices, Merryweather toppled to the floor. "If no one minds," said Merryweather, freeing herself, "could we choose the fabric another day?"





The search for just the right music to play at the wedding went no better. Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather simply couldn't agree. After the royal musicians played song after song for the fairies, the court composer threw up his hands in despair. The day before the wedding, Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather had a meeting to check on what still needed to be done. Their list of what remained read: invitations, flowers, food for the feast, the wedding cake, music, and Princess Aurora's gown.







"We're going to have to give our wands double the power to get so much done so quickly!" said Flora as she divided up the list of tasks. "Be back here in an hour. It will take all of our magic to make a wedding gown fit for the Princess."

And with that the fairies went scurrying off to their various tasks.





Merryweather went straight to the room that held the fancy paper, and waved her wand in the air. "Invitations make yourselves, then fly down from all your shelves!" she commanded. Within seconds, hundreds of pieces of paper folded themselves.

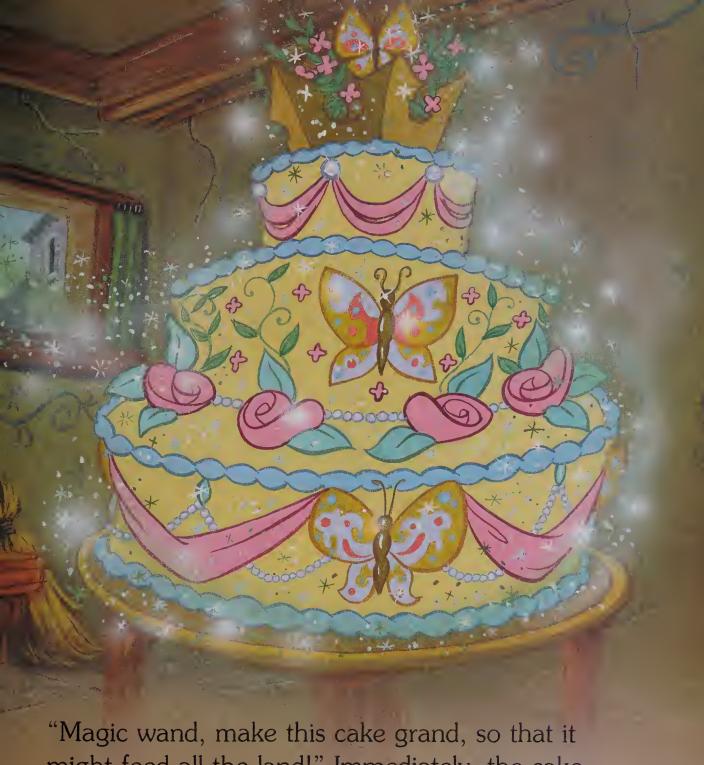


Next Merryweather aimed her wand at a nearby pen and inkwell. The pen scribbled words on the invitations and addressed the envelopes to all the guests. Then the invitations flew out the window, landing on doorsteps throughout the kingdom.



Meanwhile, Fauna attended to the wedding cake. She went straight to the kitchen and asked the royal baker to bring out the cake he had made for that night's dessert.

Fauna concentrated on the simple cake before her. When she waved her wand over it, she said,

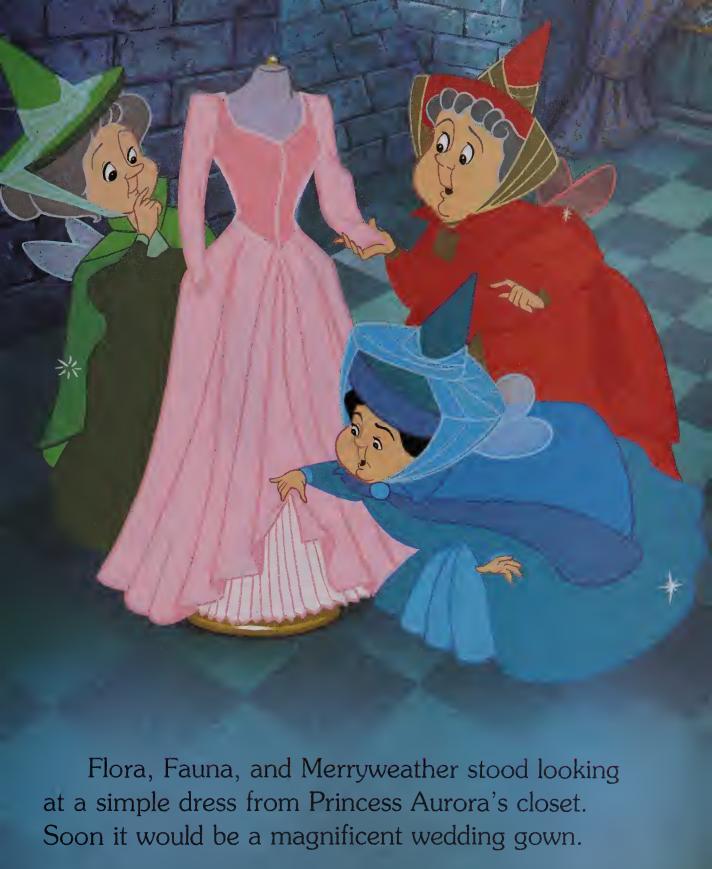


"Magic wand, make this cake grand, so that it might feed all the land!" Immediately, the cake began to grow bigger and fancier, and it was soon almost as big as the table upon which it sat.

"Perfect!" thought Fauna as she scurried off to her next task.

Outside, Flora flew over the garden. She smiled at her wand and said, "Send your magic down below and make Aurora's bouquet grow!" Then she chuckled a satisfied chuckle. "By the time I return, the Princess will have the most beautiful flowers imaginable! But first, I'd better meet Merryweather and Fauna. I don't want them to make the wedding dress without me!"

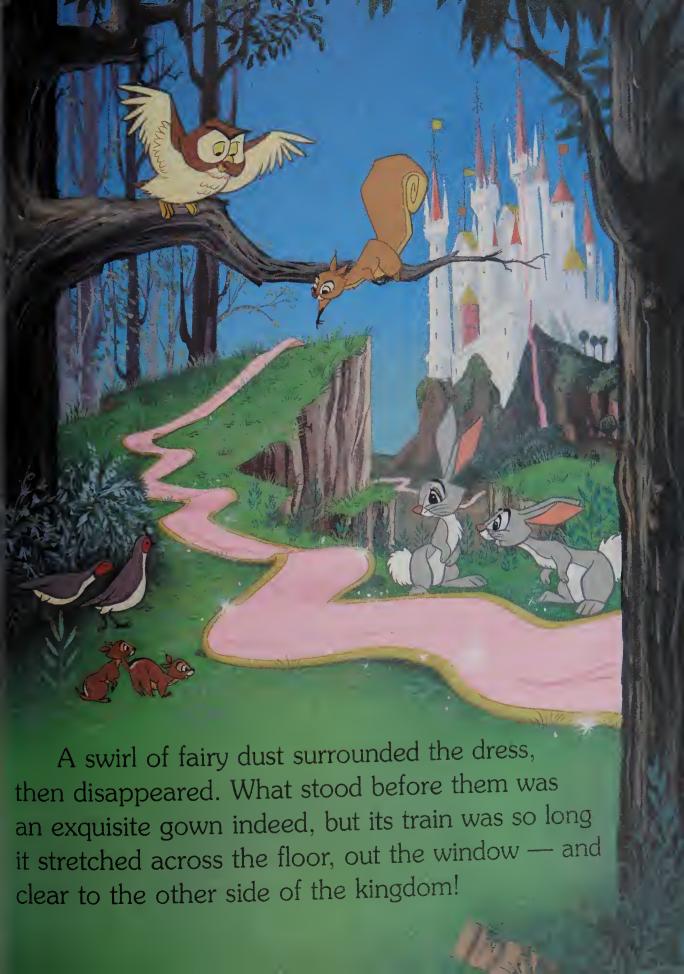




The fairies held their wands poised over the dress. Flora closed her eyes and began, "Make a gown for a lovely bride," and Fauna finished, "with a train so long and wide."

Then Merryweather added, "And since you are three wands, not one, we expect a job well done!"



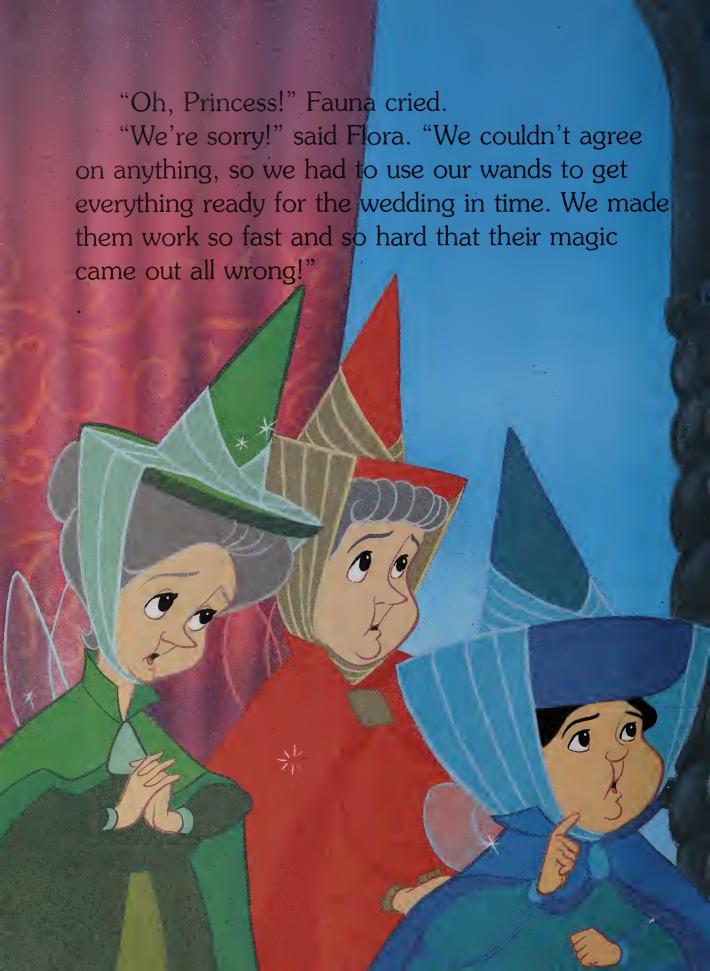


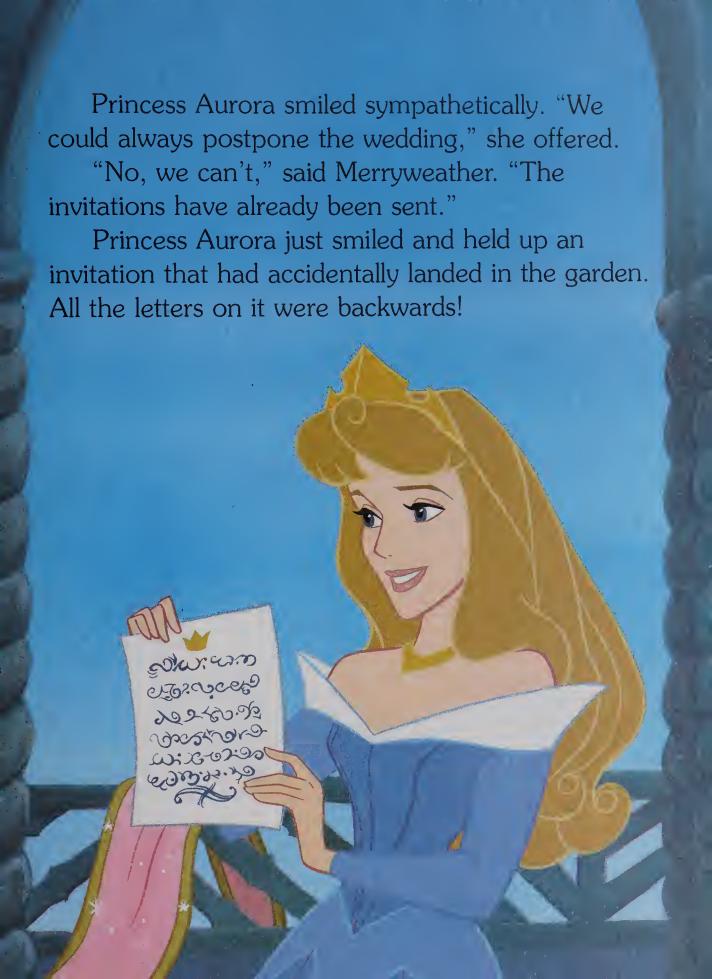


It was just then that Princess Aurora appeared carrying a bouquet of weeds. "I found these in the garden," she said. "What are they for?" Then she caught sight of the wedding gown. "And what happened to that dress?" she wondered.



Suddenly a loud CRASH was heard in another part of the castle. Moments later, the royal baker rushed in. "It's the cake!" he cried in alarm. "It's still growing — and it just broke through the roof!"









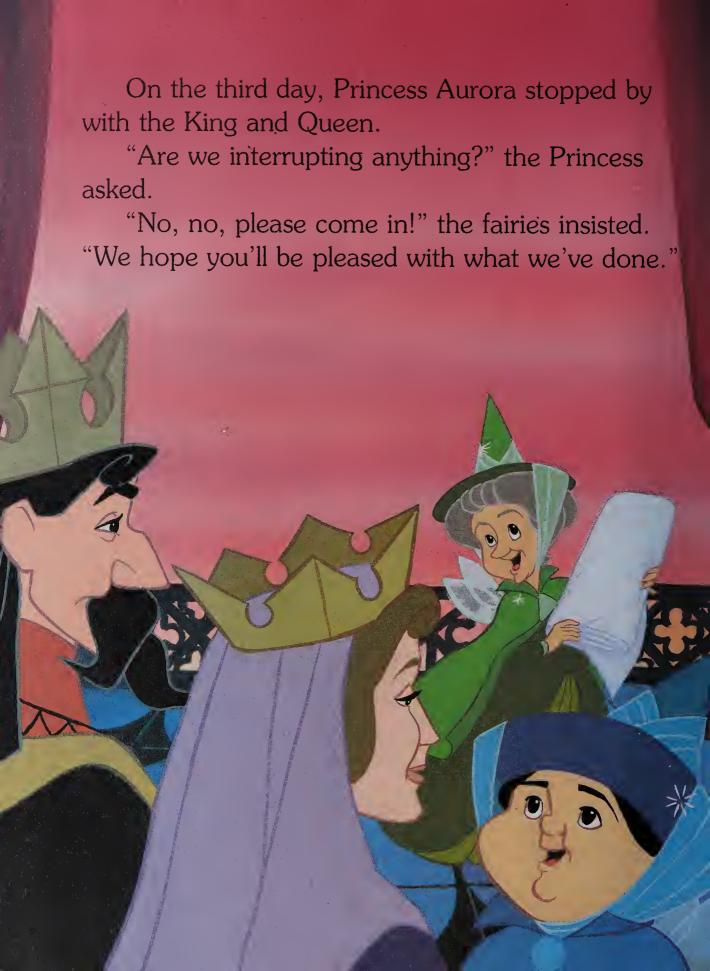
Soon the fairies were using their magic to put everyone to sleep. Next they turned back the calendars so that it was weeks before the wedding. When they woke everyone up, no one in the kingdom had any idea what had happened.



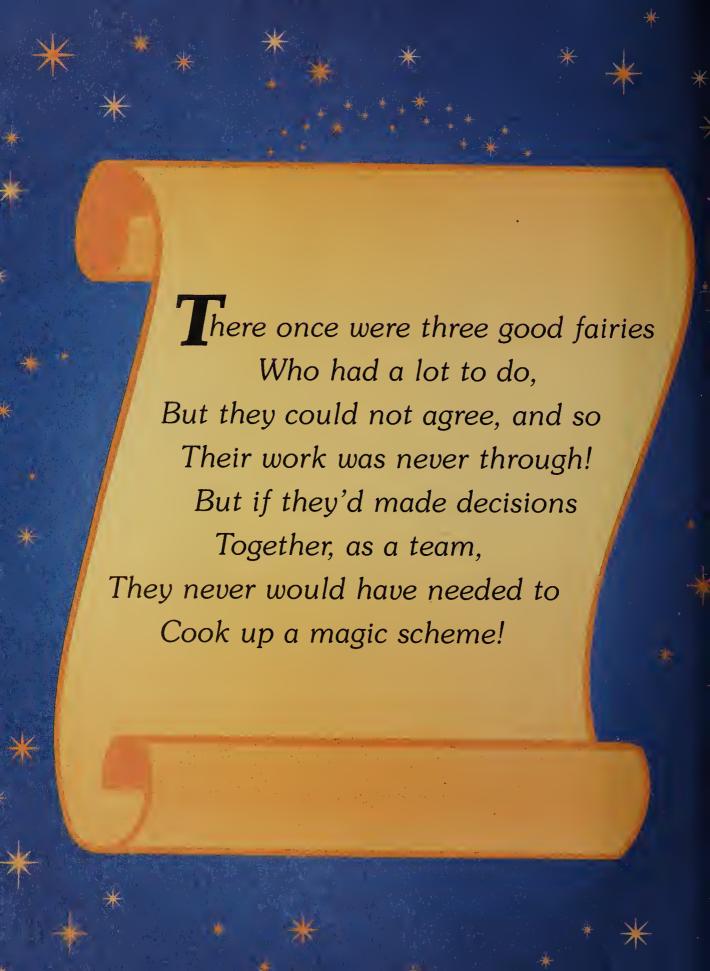
The fairies sat together, composing a list of preparations for the wedding. On the first day, they chose roses and violets for the Princess's bouquet, decided on a recipe for the wedding cake, and settled on the perfect song to play as Princess Aurora walked down the aisle.

On the second day, they addressed the invitations. Then, when they were through, they began choosing the fabric and pattern for Aurora's gown.

















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